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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1 - 16, drawn to compounds and compositions. In response to the requirement to elect a single disclosed species, Applicants elect Example 16, page 58, as the species election. Claims 1-19 are readable thereon. However, Applicants understand this requirement for election of species is for initial examination purposes only, in accordance with MPEP §803.02, and not a requirement to restrict the scope of the generic and subgeneric claims of this application to such species. If the Office Action is a requirement to restrict the scope of the generic and subgeneric claims to the elected species, Applicants traverse this requirement. Such a requirement would be improper for the reasons stated in MPEP §803.02, first paragraph. Upon a finding of allowability of

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the species, it is respectfully requested that the search be extended to the full extent of the invention as claimed. Applicant's further reserve the right to traverse any further restriction based on the species.

Rejoinder of the method of treating claims of Group II (claims 17-18) and Group III (claim 19) upon a finding of allowable compound claims of Group I is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is requested.

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